Setting up of District Level Vigilance Committees by States

†4305. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the direction given to States by him to set up the District-level Vigilance Committees headed by the Member of Parliament has been implemented;

(b) if so, the names of States where the District-Level Committees have been set up and the names and places where it has not been set up till now; and

(c) the reasons thereof and by when it is likely to be constituted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL): (a) and (b) Vigilance and Monitoring Committees has been set up in all the States/UTs and districts of the country where programmes of the Ministry of Rural Development are implemented.

(c) Question does not arise.

Financial powers to Panchayati Raj Institutions

4306. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have prepared a roadmap for the complete devolution of powers including the grant of financial autonomy to the Panchayati Raj Institutions to ensure complete democracy at the grassroot level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that some States have shown ambivalence in implementing the Central guidelines in this regard; and

(d) if so, the names of the States and their reservation in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL): (a) and (b) The Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act provides that the State Legislatures may, by legislation devolve funds, functions and functionaries in respect

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of 29 subjects enunciated in the XIth Schedule of the Constitution to Panchayati Raj Institutions and the Union Government have been persuading the State Governments/UTs from time to time for implementation of the provisions of the Constitution.

(c) and (d) The States/UTs are at various stages of devolution of funds, functions and functionaries to the Panchayati Raj Institutions.

Rural Housing Scheme for Assam

4307. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any specific policy for providing houses to the homeless people of rural areas in the State of Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total fund proposed to be allocated by Government during the current year for the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U. V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, this Ministry is implementing the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) with the objective of providing assistance for construction/upgradation of houses to Below the Poverty Line (BPL) shelterless families living in rural areas throughout the country including the State of Assam.

(c) An amount of Rs. 44124.59 lakh has been allocated as Central share to the State of Assam during the current financial year for implementation of the IAY.

Employment Assurance Programme in Rajasthan

4308. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the financial allocation made under the Employment Assurance Programme to Rajasthan during each of the last three years, district-wise;

(b) the details of amount actually spent on the said programme during the same period;

(c) the reasons for the shortfall; and

(d) the remedial steps taken by Government in this regard?